the investment Component an amount of Rs. 178.74 crores has been released to State since year 2002-03.

Scheme based on traditional power sources

†3048. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Government has submitted a scheme based on the traditional power sources to the Government regarding electrification of villages situated in 37 far reaching and forest areas in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) by when the same would be given sanction?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Power situation in Assam

3049. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a complete failure of electricity in Assam causing extreme inconvenience to the people;

(b) whether Government are also aware that despite the provision of finances for power generation and distribution, the power situation in the State has remained static without any improvement; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard for improving the power situation in the State?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The State of Assam experienced energy shortages of 5.4% in 2004-05 as compared to 5.8% in the previous year and a peaking shortage of 5.8% in 2004-05

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.